

REMARKS

Applicant hereby traverses the outstanding rejections, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein. Claims 1-20 are indicated as having allowable material. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Drawing Objection

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, specifically requiring Figure 8 to be labeled as “prior art”. In response, Applicant notes that Figure 8 is already labeled “Prior Art”, and thus believes that no additional label is necessary. As each identified instance of informality has been addressed with a corresponding argument, Applicant believes that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, the words “integers between n_1 and n_2 ; wherein $n_2 > n_1$ ” renders claims 5, 12, and 19 indefinite.

In response, Applicant have amended claims 5, 12, and 19 to delete the words “wherein $n_2 > n_1$ ” to more accurately and precisely define the invention. The claims have been amended only for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and not for the purpose of narrowing their scope in the face of prior art. No new matter has been entered. As each element of indefiniteness cited by the Office Action has been addressed with a corresponding amendment, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claims 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-20 include allowable subject matter.

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For all the reasons given above, the Applicant submits that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that this application is in full condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

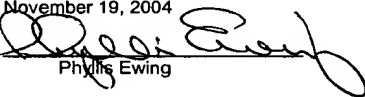
Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10002360-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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